

filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. RP98-275-001]

Equitrans, L.P.; Notice of Proposed Changes in FERC Gas Tariff

July 29, 1998.

Take notice that on July 27, 1998, Equitrans, L.P. (Equitrans) tendered for filing as part of its FERC Gas Tariff, First Revised Volume No. 1, the following revised tariff sheet to become effective August 1, 1998:

Substitute Second Revised Sheet No. 269

Equitrans states that the purpose of this filing is to comply with the Commission's Letter Order issued on July 29, 1998 in the captioned docket. In the July 20 Order, the Commission required Equitrans to include by reference or verbatim the GISB standards 4.3.5 and 4.3.16. Equitrans has incorporated by reference GISB standards 4.3.5 and 4.3.16 in its General Terms and Conditions, Section 35.1 of its FERC Gas Tariff.

Any person desiring to protest this filing should file a protest with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, in accordance with Section 385.211 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations. All such protests must be filed as provided in Section 154.210 of the Commission's Regulations. Protests will be considered by the Commission in determining the appropriate action to be taken, but will not serve to make protestants parties to the proceedings. Copies of this filing are on file with the Commission and are available for public inspection in the Public Reference Room.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2004-073 and 11607-000]

Holyoke Water Power Company, Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, and Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company; Notice of Intent to Conduct Public Meeting for the Holyoke Project on the Connecticut River

July 29, 1998.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) is reviewing the Holyoke Water Power Company's application for a new license for the continued operation of the Holyoke Project on the Connecticut River, Massachusetts. The Commission is similarly reviewing a competing application for the Holyoke Project by the Holyoke Gas & Electric Department, the Ashburnham Municipal Light Plant, and the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company. The Commission will hold a public meeting on August 25, 1998, in preparation for completing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and assessing the competing applications for relicensing the Holyoke Project.

Commission staff will hold the public meeting in the vicinity of the Holyoke Project. The purpose of the meeting is to entertain further comments on the environmental issues to be included in the EIS. The staff will also consider arguments regarding which of the two competing applications present the best adapted plan for use of the resources of the waterway. We invite all interested agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and individuals to attend the meeting. The time and location of the meeting is shown below.
DATE: Tuesday, August 25, 1998
TIME: 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
PLACE: Holiday Inn, 245 Whiting Farms Road, Holyoke, MA 01040.

At the meeting, the staff will: (1) summarize the status of the relicensing proceeding(s) and the environmental issues identified in Scooping Document 2; (2) receive statements on environmental issues that should be analyzed in the EIS; and (3) receive statements by the applicants, agencies, NGOs, and general public on which applicant has proposed the best adapted plan for use of resources of the waterway, and how the favored

application is superior. Statements on the merits of the competing applications should indicate how the project plans of each applicant will be adapted to a comprehensive plan for improving or developing the waterway. Speakers favoring one competing application over the other should direct their arguments to a comparison of the merits of the respective proposals.

The meeting will be recorded by a court reporter, and all statements (oral and written) will become part of the Commission's public record for the project. Before the meeting starts, all individuals who attend, will be asked to identify themselves by signing in. Individuals that intend to make statements during the meeting will be asked to sign in and clearly identify themselves for the record prior to speaking. Time allotted for presentations will be determined by staff based on the length of the meeting and the number of people wanting to speak. All individuals wishing to speak will be provided at least five minutes to present their views.

Interested parties who choose not to speak, or who are unable to attend the public meeting, may provide written comments to the Commission until September 11, 1998. Written comments should be submitted to the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426.

The first page of all filings should indicate "Holyoke Project, FERC. No. 2004-073" and/or "Holyoke Project, FERC. No. 11607-000" at the top of the page. All filings sent to the Secretary of the Commission should contain an original and eight copies. Failure to file an original and eight copies may result in appropriate staff not receiving the benefit of your comments in a timely manner. Furthermore, participants in this proceeding are reminded that if they file comments with the Commission, they must serve a copy of their filing to the parties on the Commission's service list.

For further information, please contact Allan Creamer at (202) 219-0365.

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Acting Secretary.

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